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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/987,305	CHEN ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 11-14-2001.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-19.
3. The drawings filed on 14 November 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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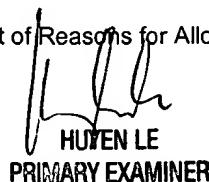
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.



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PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. The application has been amended as follows:
 - In claim 10, line 6, "Using" has been changed to –using--.
 - In claim 10, line 11, "Calculating" has been changed to –calculating--.
 - In claim 10, line 13, "Driving" has been changed to –driving--.
 - In claim 12, line 3, "Driving" has been changed to –driving--.
 - In claim 12, line 6, "Driving" has been changed to –driving--.
 - In claim 12, line 9, "Driving" has been changed to –driving--.
 - In claim 12, line 12, "Driving" has been changed to –driving--.

(END of AMENDMENT)

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. Claims 1-19 are allowed over the prior art of record.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Husemann et al. (Pub. No.: U.S. 2001/0037264) teaches the method and apparatus for commercial transaction using a mobile phone to communicate with merchant to buy goods via network.

Holmes et al. (U.S. Patent No.: 6,751,475) teaches a method and system for monitoring a period of time associated with using a wireless device that integrated with a vehicle. The system comprises a mobile device, electronic control unit, and vehicle identification number to communicate with the telecommunication network.

Lorsch (U.S. Patent No.: 5,903,633) discloses a method and apparatus for prepaid phone card activation and billing.

Buchanan et al. (Pub. No.: U.S. 2002/0161650) discloses a method of manufacture of a point of sale terminal for placement in a secure location.

Cogen (Pub. No.: U.S.:2002/0138350) discloses a method and system for placing orders at a restaurant by using a handheld device.

Suwamoto et al. (Pub. No.: U.S.:2001/0027428) discloses a method and system for allowing easy payment without need of any credit card or other kinds of cards in the case of purchasing goods on the network.

However, the prior art made of record fails to teach or suggest, the arrangement of the apparatus and method of an On-Board wireless transaction system used in a motor vehicle and adapted for connecting through a GSM wireless network to one of a number of shops contracted with an issuing organization to order commodities and to complete the transaction, the issuing organization issued multiple fare cards, the fare cards each having a respective PIN (personal identification number) and a predetermined number of value-added points, the shops each having a shop-end computer, the shop-end computer having a GSM modem adapted for receiving an order from the On-Board wireless transaction system of the motor vehicle, the On-Board wireless transaction system comprising: an ordering device adapted for inputting an ordering demand to order at least one commodity and to produce a transaction data corresponding to the ordering demand, the transaction data including transaction points to be deducted due to the purchase of the at least one commodity been ordered; a card reader/writer adapted for reading data from the fare card, or writing data into the fare card; a GSM modem adapted for connecting to the GSM wireless network for data transmission; and a microprocessor adapted for receiving the transaction data produced by the ordering device, controlling the card reader/write to read the PIN and value-added points of the fare card and to compare the value-added points of the fare card with the transaction points, controlling the GSM modem of the On-Board wireless transaction system to transmit the PIN of the fare card and the transaction data through said GSM wireless network to the GSM modem of the shop-end computer of the respective contracted shop, if the number of the value-added points of the fare card is

not smaller than the transaction points, for enabling the respective contracted shop to provide the commodity, calculating balance points of the fare card after deduction of the transaction points from the value-added points, and controlling the card reader/writer to write the balance points into the fare card after each transaction, in combination with other limitations, as specified in the independent claims 1, 10, and 15, and further limitations of their respective dependent claims 2-9, 11-14, and 16-19.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Tuan A. Pham** whose telephone number is (703) 305-4987 and E-mail address is: **tuan.pham@USPTO.GOV**.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Curtis Kuntz, can be reached on (703) 305-4708 and

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